



FESTIVAL OF TREES ANNOUNCES 2009 CHAIRS

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The 21st Festival of Trees is proud to announce the Honorary Chairs of this year's Festival: Dr. and Mrs. Lucius Laffitte and Dr. and Mrs. Clark Trask.

The Festival of Trees, benefitting Friends of Caroline Hospice, will be held **December 7 – 12** at the Charles L. Brown Neighborhood Activity Center (formerly the Greene Street Gym). As Beaufort's premier holiday event, the Festival includes a showcase of beautifully decorated trees, a grand Opening Reception with silent auction, a gourmet and gift shop and daily lunches. During these remarkable five days, the gym is transformed into a holiday wonderland, where simply stepping through the doors puts you in the holiday spirit.

In the past 20 years, Festival of Trees has raised over \$700,000 for Friends of Caroline Hospice. The Festival is Friends of Caroline Hospice's largest fundraiser, helping them provide free care and volunteer services offering hope, encouragement and comfort to our friends and neighbors who live with life-threatening illness.

Both the Laffittes and the Trasks have been involved with the Festival previously, and they are excited to serve as the Honorary Chairs. They explain, "We are grateful for Friends of Caroline Hospice. As physicians, we greatly appreciate the value they provide patients, their caregivers and their families by providing free medical care and comfort, as well as free specialized support. Festival of Trees is the single most effective way to raise money for Friends of Caroline Hospice, and we are honored to be a part of this cherished tradition."

Darryl and Lucius Laffitte are native South Carolinians who moved to Beaufort in 1998. Dr. Laffitte was a partner with Beaufort Family Medicine before opening his MDVIP affiliated Family Medicine practice in January 2009. The Laffittes have two children, Lucius and JaneAnn. Clark Trask is a native Beaufortonian who brought his wife, Evy, and their two children, Grace and Sam, home in 2004. He was also a partner with Beaufort Family Medicine prior to opening Coastal CareMD in February 2009.

The Festival is also pleased to announce this year's Volunteer Chairs: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Worrell. The Worrells will lead the many volunteers who devote their time to make the Festival a success. Having been volunteers for the Festival for over six years, the Worrells appreciate the enormous amount of effort that goes into making the Festival a success. "Since the needs

Friends of Caroline Hospice addresses are not affected by the economy, it is vitally important we maintain our level of support to them,” says Courtney Worrell. “We are grateful for the community support the Festival of Trees has received throughout the years, and we are looking forward to working with this year’s committees and volunteers to ensure Friends of Caroline Hospice can continue their vital work.”

Jack and Courtney Worrell returned to Beaufort in 1999. Jack is also originally from Beaufort. He is with Turbeville Insurance Agency and is founder of Carolina Planning Group, LLC, a wealth management and financial planning firm. Courtney works with 303 Associates, LLC. They have one son, Jack Carter.

A limited number of trees are available for sponsorship, and the Festival’s hallmark Auction Parties are already under way. More information is available on the Festival’s newly revamped website, www.festivaloftreesbeaufort.com, or by calling 812-4304.



*2009 Festival of Trees Honorary Chairs
Dr. Lucius Laffitte, Darryl Laffitte, Evy Trask and Dr. Clark Trask*

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